

May 2019 Newsletter

PUBLIC SAFETY

The SRA has installed eight security cameras that monitor key public areas in our area. These are in operation together with a system to collect the images and display them on the SRA's Wi-Fi system and on the SRA's dedicated, password protected, internet site.

The system is able to monitor up to 40 cameras. We appeal to residents and businesses to contribute further security cameras for inclusion on the SRA system. Six offers of cameras have thus far been received.

The installation of cameras and recording of images is of very little use unless the images are routinely monitored so that law enforcement assistance agencies can quickly be alerted.

The SRA system is designed to enable camera images to be viewed by volunteers on their own computers or tablets or smartphones, even in the comfort of their own homes, rather than in the inconvenience of a control room. This highly cost effective and participative system is an exciting innovation that will enable users of the system to monitor crime in our area in a much more convenient and effective manner and will also complement the activities of the SRA sponsored WhatsApp group. Over 50 residents throughout the SRA have thus far volunteered their services on a roster basis throughout the day and night. Sincere thanks.

However, implementation of this exciting system has stalled for a number of months due to the reality that in general internet connectivity in our area is so poor that most volunteers are not able to access the images on their devices. The SRA has investigated a range of possible solutions to improve internet access to our area. This has included a wireless wi-fi system as well as the planned installation of high speed fibre cables in some of our streets. The SRA is of the view that, overall, the provision of a wireless wi-fi system is the best for providing dependable and widely available internet access to homes and businesses in our area. This will greatly facilitate the ability of our volunteers to monitor the images captured by our security cameras.

We have therefore agreed with Sonic Telecoms that they are willing and able to offer their wireless wi fi system to residents and businesses in our area. This will carry the camera pictures and provide residents and businesses in the area with an excellent internet service. See a copy of their residential packages below.

Depending on customers' requirements this service can also provide voice over internet, streaming services and other refinements not available to many homes at present.

The SRA's technical consultant, Piers Stephenson, will now contact our registered volunteers and introduce them to the new system. They will be able to choose which package will suit their particular requirements, or, if their current internet reception is adequate, Piers will load and open the camera programme on their system.

Once an optimum number of private devices are connected and the system is fully up and running our volunteers will commence their camera observation operation. More news on this exciting, community involved operation soon.

The main basic charges for the Sonic wi-fi. The monthly service costs include VAT:

For 5 mbps download/ 1 mbps upload R 569.05

For 10mbps download /2 mbps upload R 664.05

For 15mbps download/2 mbps upload R 759.05

These are an indication only and full details are available from Piers Stevenson including installation charges. Some residents are already customers of Sonic and have found their service to be excellent

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Marion Thomas, the SRA's current and highly successful social worker will soon be moving on to new and exciting new challenges. We wish her well and thank her for her wonderful work in helping many in our community in need of social assistance.

The SRA is inviting applications for a new position of Social Development Co-ordinator with effect from 1 July this year. A copy of the invitation is also attached (see below).

It is not a requirement that the successful candidate be a qualified and registered social worker, although clearly relevant experience will be an advantage. What is crucial is that the successful candidate is caring, self-motivating and results driven. It is SRA policy to provide preference to local residents or those who have a strong link to our community.

Social Development Co-ordinator

The Kalk Bay St James SRA NPC is a non-profit company with the sole purpose of providing supplemental municipal services in St James and Kalk Bay, principally in respect of Public Safety, Cleansing of our residential streets and the provision of Social Development assistance.

The SRA wishes to appoint a caring, self-motivated and results driven individual to provide social upliftment assistance to those in need in our community.

It is not a requirement that the successful candidate be a qualified and registered social worker, but candidates with relevant experience will have an advantage. It is the SRA's policy to provide preference to local residents or those with a strong link to our village.

POSITION

Social Development Coordinator

EMPLOYMENT TYPE

Independent contractor – *1-year contract with 3-month trial period*

START DATE

01 JULY 2019

EDUCATIONAL/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Grade 12 or equivalent

Tertiary level qualification advantageous (*Bachelor of Social Work/Social Science*)

Experience in community development work an advantage.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE POSITION

- Good interpersonal and communication skills
- Non-judgemental, trustworthy and empathic personality

- An excellent work ethic and professional conduct
- Ability to work in a team when required
- Ability to work independently and provide guidance when needed
- Valid driver's license and own transport advantageous

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- Identifying key social issues and make recommendations for action
- Conduct fieldwork as agreed with the SRA Board, including the maintenance of a database of fieldwork activities
- Maintain close working relationships with role-players at various levels of government i.e. City and Provincial Government teams in order to ensure prompt and adequate action
- Submit a monthly report to the SRA manager and board of directors
- Conduct a monthly Open-Door service to the community at the SRA Office in Kalk Bay
- Working hours will be 12 hours/week (*09h00 – 13h00 on 3 days/week*)

TO APPLY

Applications must be sent via e-mail to info@kalkbaystjamesra.org

Please include:

- A motivational cover letter
- CV of relevant personal and work experience with contactable references

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

FRIDAY, 17 MAY 2019